TECH CONNECT

Your Link To Air Force Technology

A *FREE* Source of Information

Ongoing research within the AFRL is a gold mine of information for government, industry, and academia. **TECH CONNECT** is the single point of entry to inquire about specific opportunities. Through one-on-one discussions, **TECH CONNECT** analysts gain insight into the customer's question or problem, perform research, and personally connect the customer with a technology expert. A tri-service network is used to reach scientists and engineers within the Air Force and other US services.

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TECH CONNECT is the link for providing Air Force technology information to government, industry, and academia.

With emphasis on connecting customers to an Air Force expert, **TECH CONNECT** can:

- Find more information regarding a particular technology.
- Search for helpful Air Force technology.
- Accelerate the transition of technology.
- Field requests from other government agencies trying to make the right Air Force technology connections.
- Help the commercial sector learn about potential technology transfer opportunities.
- Operate 24 hours a day/7 days a week in wartime to support warfighters.

Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL)

TECH CONNECT is an AFRL program. AFRL is organized along technology disciplines into nine technology directorates (TDs) plus the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. Each TD performs research and technology development within its areas of responsibility. AFRL TDs are: Space Vehicles, Air Vehicles, Information, Munitions, Directed Energy, Materials and Manufacturing, Sensors, Propulsion, and Human Effectiveness.

Technology Transfer

The technology transfer process ensures Air Force developed technologies are shared with other government agencies, industry, or academia.

Any company, academic institution, or emerging business may contact **TECH CONNECT** directly to locate a scientist or an engineer who has the desired technology answers, or to learn about specific transfer opportunities. A current government contract is not required to qualify for this *FREE* service.

Wartime Mission

During crisis or wartime situations, **TECH CONNECT** can call on trained Air Force reservists to operate the hotline service on a 24-hour basis. Using reservists helps the organization respond quickly to contingencies and supply help to units in the field who need to contact experts in the laboratories or logistics centers. The strength of **TECH CONNECT** is that its analysts are trained to work their way through the maze of databases and organizations to find the answers. In wartime as well as peacetime, people in the field or at a using command may encounter a problem, but do not know where to start looking for the answer—that is where **TECH CONNECT** steps in. It saves time and eliminates duplication of effort.

Tri-Service Technology Information Sharing Network (TriNET)

TECH CONNECT utilizes an information sharing network called *TriNET*, which is comprised of Air Force, Army and Navy personnel (Technology Focal Points—TFPs) who can quickly query the technology community for answers to performance, readiness, maintenance, deployment, or availability problems. The TFPs from the Air Force include personnel from AFRL, product, logistics and test centers; AFMC systems representatives; and science advisors from the major commands.

TriNET is designed to encourage rapid teaming to help satisfy common requirements, enhance rapid responses to requested technology information needs, share technology information, and reduce the workload involved in finding technical area experts.